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BLM holds educational hike for local youth

MEEKER, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management led local kids ages 9-11 from the East Rio Blanco, Meeker Recreation Center on a service-oriented adventure on May 14 to teach kids stewardship.

Many local cooperators recently came together with projects to improve trail systems around Philip and Dorcas Jenson Memorial Park and China Wall. Improvements on the trail system continue, so those on the hike permanently placed a trail register that will allow guests to record their experience along the trail.

Aaron Grimes of the BLM White River Field Office led the trip spending time along the way discussing plants, animals, and ecology. According to Grimes, the kids had a great time on their adventure. He points out that educating youth about the importance of stewardship sets the stage for future responsible users.

"The importance of the hikes cannot be overstated," said Katherine Sharp-Wallace, ERBM's recreation manager. "They allow our youth to experience the beautiful White River Valley and surrounding area, as well as encourage healthy lifestyles through activities other than traditional sports. We are extremely grateful to have the opportunity to partner with the Bureau of Land Management's White River Field Office. It is our hope that this partnership will help inspire our youth to appreciate and respect our public lands and open spaces, as well as encourage increased outdoor activity." The hike was part of a youth program with the Eastern Rio Blanco, Meeker Recreation District.

ERBM has several hiking adventures throughout the summer for children entering 5th – 12th grades. Those interested in getting their kids involved should contact Kristen L. Battige (970) 878-3403 ext. 419.

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Local youth help BLM install trail registry while on a hike with BLM staff on May 14. Kids participating in the project ranged from 9-11.

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